

Concordia University

Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of meeting 2006-04  
held

Friday, April 21, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in room EV002.184

Present: N. Esmail (Chair) E. Sacca (replacing M. Mulrennan)  
S.T. Alkass S. Mudur  
A. Athienitis M. Paraschivoiu  
R. Bhat L. Quesnel  
A.A. Bulgak A. Ramamurthy  
M. Debbabi Y. Shayan  
R. Dssouli M.R. Soleymani  
T. Fancott C. Trueman  
T. Fevens M. Zaheeruddin  
J. Hakim (Secretary)  
L. Harris  
S.V. Hoa  
C. Lam  
W.E. Lynch  
J. Mudry

Observers: S. Horn (replacing L. Zack)  
J. M. Paquette

Regrets: B. Ashtakala C. Paradisis  
B. MacKenzie M.D. Pugh  
T. Radhakrishnan T. Bui

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion:  
2006-04-01 **That the Agenda be adopted** (*R. Dssouli & C. Lam*)

*Vote: Carried Unanimously*

2. **Adoption of the minutes of Meeting 2006-03.**

Dr. Lam pointed out that the minutes contained minor typos and also that the Chair's remarks were stated in the first person. Also, the Chair clarified that it is the Provost offering the tuition remissions. It was

decided that these minor and semi-minor corrections would be undertaken and that the Council can proceed with the motion.

Motion:

2006-04-02 **That the Minutes of Meeting 2006-03 (March 24, 2006) be adopted as submitted with corrections in the Chair's statement as well as a typo in the first paragraph. (S. T. Alkass & R. Dssouli)**

*Vote: Carried Unanimously*

3. **Chair's remarks:**

The Chair thanked the people who came for coffee and to meet the President in the staff lounge on April 19. The Chair also indicated that the Faculty will be hosting further activities in the Lounge whereby more University "celebrities" will be invited to meet with the ENCS Faculty and Staff.

4. **Business arising from the minutes:**

Dean Sacca from the School of Graduate Studies presented a spreadsheet indicating the "*Concordia University International Tuition Fee Remission Statistics*" (please see Appendix 1). More specifically, the Council focused on the number of international tuition remissions that were awarded to ENCS over the years.

The Chair clarified that the additional 42 tuition remissions from the Provost's program are not international remissions while those presented on Dean Sacca's grid are international; and they therefore cover the approximately \$7,000 tuition fee.

A question was raised regarding electronic card access to the EV building on weekends and a discussion ensued regarding ways of making the security screening more efficient. The Chair indicated that he will address the issue with the Vice President of Services at the next available opportunity.

5. **Major Undergraduate Curriculum Changes- Department of Building, Civil, & Environmental Engineering for 2007-2008**

The Department of Building, Civil, & Environmental Engineering proposed curriculum changes as outlined in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-01. The changes were already passed by the Faculty's Undergraduate Studies Curriculum Committee on March 21, 2006 and passed by APC on April 6, 2006.

Drs. Mudry and Soleymani indicated that there were minor typos on pages 3 and 4 of the document; which will be corrected.

Motion:

2006-04-03 **That the changes set out in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-01 be approved by Council** (*W.E. Lynch & S. T. Alkass*)

*Vote: Carried Unanimously*

6. **Major Undergraduate Curriculum Changes for 2007-2008**

Dr. Lynch proposed major undergraduate curriculum changes for the 2007-2008 calendar as outlined in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-02. These are changes to the core mathematics courses taken by all students in an Engineering Program and by students in the Computer Systems Option of Computer Science. The ENCS Undergraduate Studies Committee passed these changes on September 26, 2005 and the APC passed the changes on April 6, 2006.

Motion:

2006-04-04 **That the changes set out in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-02 be approved by Council** (*J. Mudry & L. Quesnel*)

*Vote: Carried Unanimously*

7. **Graduate Curriculum Proposals for the 2006-2007 Academic Year**

Dr. R. Bhat presented graduate curriculum proposals for the 2006-2007 academic year as outlined in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-03. The proposal has been approved by the Engineering and Computer Science Graduate Studies Committee on March 7, 2006. The recommendation is to introduce two slot courses in the General Studies Unit on English communications to satisfy the requirements of graduate students.

Motion:

2006-04-05 **That the changes set out in ECFC Doc: 2006-04-03 be approved by Council** (*R. Bhat & C. Trueman*)

*Vote: Carried Unanimously*

Following the vote, the Chair asked Dr. J. Mudry from the General Studies Unit to explain to council what the English courses entail and how they will benefit the Graduate Students. Dr. Mudry explained how these courses differ from those currently offered in ESL programs and that they will go a long way towards teaching students techniques for framing an

argument as well as using a thesis statement on their writing. The Chair thanked Dr. Mudry for her initiative on this project.

8. **Faculty Council discussion regarding the proposed changes to the Academic Programs Committee and to the powers of the School of Graduate Studies.**

Dean Sacca opened the discussion regarding ECFC Doc: 2006-04-04. The Chair clarified that the purpose of the discussion is for the ENCS Council to discuss the issues surrounding the document and to be aware of the situation; however, no voting or decision making would be necessary.

9. **Other Business**

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.